

FRITH & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB

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Please note that our ANNUAL BAZAAR is on 23rd November 1974 and not on the 16th as stated in our last Newsletter.

On Saturday 5th October we held our Annual Gala and had a record number of entries. Many races proved exciting with such close finishes that I am sure you will all agree that the hard work put in by swimmers (and teachers) during the year proved worthwhile.

Cups were awarded as follows :-

Club Championship Cup	Girls	Gillian Fitman
	Boys	John Archer
Butterfly Trophy	Girls	Pat Topp
	Boys	John Archer
Diving Cup	Girls	Gillian Fitman
	Boys	Michael Mould
	Ladies	Mrs. J. Cronin
Breaststroke Style Cup	Girls	Sandra Dent
	Boys	Martin Harvey
Points Cup	Girls	Linda Hurley
	Boys	John Archer
Junior Progress Cup	Girls	Nicola Harvey
	Boys	Stephen Callard
'Swimmer of the Year' Cup	Girls	Lorraine Caselton
	Boys	John Archer
Anderson Diamond Jubilee Trophy		Ben Offner

The last award, the 'Anderson Diamond Jubilee Trophy' is awarded to the boy or girl who obtains the most place points at matches throughout the year and this year it was won by a boy for the first time, as in the two previous years it has been won by a girl. Ben Offner had a clear 10 points lead over John Archer, who was second, and Lorraine Caselton was third.

The Points Cup positions were as follows :-

Girls	1st	Linda Hurley	17	Boys	1st	John Archer	20
	2nd	Lorraine Caselton	14		2nd	Stephen Callard	12
	3rd	Sandra Dent	13		3rd	Ben Offner	12
	4th	Christine Harvey	12			Tony Linford	12
		Anne Tyson	12				

It was very gratifying to see so many parents in the gallery who had come along to cheer their children on. I am sure you will all agree that they gave us a good evening's entertainment.

I should like to thank all the officials who helped to make the Gala a success and all members and parents for selling raffle tickets to help cover the cost of the Gala. Unfortunately, owing to increased costs once again, mainly the purchase of medals, we made a loss of nearly £18.00. The purchase of medals alone came to £45.00 and the other large item is of course the hire of the Pool, £28.00. We are charged £7.00 per hour for the hire of the Pool on a Saturday evening. You will see why it is essential to sell as many raffle tickets as possible.

Fortunately the loss on the Gala is usually offset by the profit (we hope) made at our Annual Bazaar which is being held this year on the 23rd November at St. Paul's Hall, Mill Road, Northumberland Heath, at 2.00 p.m. So once again we are asking for the help of every member and parent to send along items for sale at the Bazaar. We particularly ask the young swimmers to bring along any toy, book or game which they have finished with, provided it is clean and in good condition, for a children's stall. Other items needed are cakes, groceries, preserves, toilet articles, handicraft items, dolls clothes, knitting and crochet and articles for a white elephant stall. What about turning out those holiday souvenirs that are tucked away in a cupboard and you don't really want? Father Christmas will be in attendance at the Bazaar so bring your youngsters along to see him.

All items for sale at the Bazaar will be accepted every Friday evening from now on. If any Mum has any small empty bottles, jars, pill bottles (clean) we should be glad to have these for our 'Bottle Stall'.

D. S. Firmin

In our last Newsletter, several dates were given for "B" League matches. These have had to be altered as the Pools concerned were not available and new dates have now been fixed for certain. These are listed in the 'Forthcoming Events'.

Will all the swimmers who have been chosen to swim in the new "B" League matches please remember to bring track suits and plimsolls or flip-flops with them to wear on the bathside in between races. A large towel will do if you have no track suit as it is essential that you keep warm during the match. As most of the swimmers chosen have not taken part in matches before, a coach is being organised for both the Sevenoaks (2nd November) and Downham (7th December) matches. The three matches to be held in 1975 are more local, Eltham and Plumstead, so if parents can transport their children to these two Pools, it will be a great help.

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I would like to thank all those who have swum in the "A" team since our last newsletter. The enthusiasm for each race, all through each and every Gala, was tremendous by every swimmer. Races were, however, marred by the fact of faulty turns, takeovers and dives. Many thanks to the substitutes who have been asked to attend Galas, literally at the very last minute. Perhaps we will have one Gala with the whole of the picked 'A' team and then we will show the other clubs what Erith can really achieve. Lastly, but far from least, thanks to the two Club Captains, Gillian Fitnum and Peter Frost, who take over the programme before the word go, organising the swimmers into their races and giving confidence wherever necessary - they have built up for themselves a lot of respect from their fellow swimmers.

D. Fitnum

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Gala Raffle Draw.

1st	Electric Food Mixer	0889	Mr. S. Oliver, 151 Axminster Crescent, Welling
2nd	Electric Toaster	0960	'Jim' of E.G. Porter & Co. Green Street Green Road, Dartford
3rd	Bottle of Whisky	0868	Mr. D. S. Firmin, Stanham Farm, Dartford
4th	Box of Fruit	1334	Mr. S. Baker, 37 Maximfeldt Road, Erith
5th	Tin of Biscuits	0186	Theresa Clark, 38 Stuart Mantle Way, Erith

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1 Width Lisa Worland  
1 Length Andrew Harvey Martin Parratt

The following swimmers have passed the Joint National award and will receive badges and certificates in due course.

STAGE 1

Ian Leach	Jonathon Rose	Kim Cooper
Stephen Callard	Kim Parrott	Lisa Jones
Alison Fox	Shelley Jones	James Geapin
William Geapin	Teresa Gray	

STAGE 2

Ian Friend	Ian Leach	John Sanders
Jonathon Rose	Teresa Gray	Kim Sanders
Kim Cooper	Stephen Callard	Kim Parrott
Lisa Jones	Alison Fox	Shelley Jones
Colin Sealey	James Geapin	William Geapin
Paul McKenzie		

The following swimmers have passed the A.S.A. Personal Survival,

BRONZE Standard	Lisa Jones	Shelley Jones	Carol James
	James Geapin	William Geapin	Duncan Frost

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday	2nd November	'B' League Match at Sevenoaks (hosts Sevenoaks). Coach taking all competitors will leave Riverside Baths at 5.15 p.m.
Saturday	9th November	Inter Club Gala at Riverside Baths. 'A' team. (Hosts Erith & D.S.C.)
Friday	22nd November	Match at Downham Baths (hosts Lewisham/Ladywell). 'A' team. Coach taking all competitors will leave Riverside Baths at 6.00 p.m.
Saturday	23rd November	ANNUAL BAZAAR at St. Paul's Hall, Mill Road, Northumberland Heath. Father Christmas in attendance.
Saturday	30th November	ICE SKATING at Streatham Ice Rink. See notice for particulars.
Saturday	7th December	'B' League Match at Downham Baths (hosts Downham S.C.) Coach will leave Riverside Baths at 5.00 p.m. taking all competitors.

## 1975

Saturday	18th January	'B' League Match at Eltham Baths (hosts Eltham S.C.) 6.00 p.m.
Saturday	1st February	ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE, Falconwood Social Club, Welling.
Saturday	22nd February	'B' League Match at Plumstead Baths (hosts Erith & D.S.C.) 6.00 p.m.
Saturday	8th March	'B' League Match at Eltham Baths. All 5 'B' League teams taking part in final Gala when Trophy will be awarded. 6.00 p.m.

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Mr. Mount has Webb Ivory Christmas cards and wrapping paper on sale every Friday. He will also be pleased to take your order from the Webb Ivory catalogue of Christmas cards and gifts.

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